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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Newton resident Barry Make, M.D., an assistant professor of pulmonary medicine at the Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM), will direct a lung-disease learning center where medical students will "talk" with a computer.

"This type of learning center is unique, because students interact verbally with the teaching materials," Make said. "For example, the student answers questions asked by a computer regarding a particular case."

The center will be funded through a five-year, \$220,000 National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute grant awarded this month to the School of Medicine. There are only 20 medical schools nationwide with similar educational grants, according to Make.

In addition to a computer terminal, the center will be equipped with slide carousels with accompanying tapes, journals and textbooks. Members of the medical staff at Boston City Hospital, University Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital will also use the center.

Make now serves as chief of the pulmonary function lab at Boston City Hospital. He belongs to several professional associations and is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Make received his M.D. from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University. He lives on Carlton Road with his wife.

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